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To: Regional Transportation Planning Agencies - County Transportation Commissions

2006 STIP Augmentation Hearings

The California Transportation Commission has scheduled the following two hearings on the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation.

Southern California STIP Augmentation Hearing Wednesday, April 25, 2007 – 1:15 p.m.

San Luis Obispo Government Center County Board of Supervisors Chambers 1055 Monterey Street San Luis Obispo, California Northern California STIP Augmentation Hearing Wednesday, May 2, 2007 – 11:00 a.m.

Employment Development Department Auditorium, First Floor 722 Capitol Mall Sacramento, California

At each hearing, Caltrans will make a presentation of its Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) and each regional agency will have the opportunity to make a presentation regarding its regional transportation improvement program (RTIP) and to comment on the ITIP.

Each regional agency should be prepared to explain its RTIP proposals and why the Commission should include them in the STIP. As outlined in the STIP guidelines (sections 60 and 61), the Commission will include in the STIP all RTIP proposals nominated from the base identified in the fund estimate (i.e., the county share for the four-year share period ends during the current STIP). The Commission will select additional projects considering regional agency priorities, cost effectiveness, State highway needs, fund estimate targets, and the other criteria described in the guidelines. Because the level of proposals received exceeds STIP capacity, especially for highway projects, the Commission will not be able to include all RTIP proposals in the STIP.

Please call Annette Gilbertson at 916-653-2076 to schedule a time for your RTIP presentation. For the South hearing call by April 19 and for the North hearing call by April 23. If you have other questions regarding the STIP hearings and the STIP development process, please address them to David Brewer, the Commission's Chief Deputy Director, e-mail David.Brewer@dot.ca.gov or phone 916-653-2094.

Sincerely,

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